

Spradlin of Steamboat Springs, Colorado has demonstrated the kind of personal dedication to overcoming adversity that is truly honorable. I stand before you to recognize her today.

At the age of 16, a drunk driver collided with her family's van on the interstate and Jodie lost her leg from injuries sustained in the accident. Jodie's acceptance of her loss did not come easy. She was very self-conscious for a period of time after the amputation. However, in time, she was able to overcome her anxieties and begin living a more normal life.

Jodie now assists others by donating her old prosthetic legs to victims of land mines. A new prosthetic leg costs around \$15,000 and her contributions are the only hope for many less fortunate amputees. Her charitable actions provide others with an opportunity to conquer their own personal challenges, just as Jodie was able to do.

Today, Jodie and her husband have three children and are living happily in the mountains of Colorado. Her story serves as an inspiration to others by illustrating the significance of focusing on the important aspects of life, such as children and family, and overcoming those things that hold us back.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to stand here today and honor Jodie Spradlin and her achievements before this body of Congress. Her spirit, self-determination and altruistic sense of community service are truly worthy of praise. Jodie's charitable actions demonstrate how much one person can improve the lives of others. I wish her all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY GREEN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to Jeffrey Green, who is retiring this month after 20 years of service to the people of my home County, Mariposa. Jeff became County Counsel in October, 1983, and for twenty years has served with distinction in that capacity. He has served the elected officials, the staff and the citizens of the county well for those two decades.

During Jeff's tenure, he has had the distinction of serving many different members of the Board of Supervisors—so many that I confess I lost count after 15 or so—of which I am proud to say I was one. Working with Jeff was a learning experience for me. He provided sound legal advice, and was the steady hand that ensured that there would be few crises. Jeff also wrote and monitored ordinances, contracts and other legal documents, and was a source of information, opinions and assistance whenever asked. He always addressed Board concerns and concerns of individual Board members in a timely and professional manner.

In addition to his legal and administrative skills, Jeff is an expert fly-fisherman. I am sure that after his successful 20 year career in Mariposa County, he is looking forward to trying out the latest flies and catching all the fish he missed while the Board was in session.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor my friend Jeffrey Green upon his retirement as County Counsel for Mariposa County, California. He will be missed by all but the fish.

TRIBUTE TO CODY BRICKELL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and passing of Cody Brickell, a resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the wonderful memories he has left behind.

Just 18 years old, Cody was a recent high school graduate with plans for attending college in the fall and dreams of studying medicine. Cody was a young leader in his community, serving as the student body president, captain of the football team and a member of the Glenwood Springs High School Key Club. Cody was known for his solid work ethic, toiling long hours to save money while pouring concrete, mowing lawns and working at the local athletic club.

The loss of a life is tragic in any instance, but the loss of a young life is even more trying. Cody showed such tremendous potential for accomplishing tremendous feats in his short lifetime, and it saddens me to stand here today and mourn his passing. Cody's family and community will certainly miss his generous spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the untimely loss of such a kind and promising individual. Cody's commitment, compassion, and hard work garnered him respect in his community, and it is for those very qualities that I bring his life to the attention of my colleagues here today. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Cody Brickell.

TRIBUTE TO 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL MACOMB COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce today, in recognition of the Chamber's 100th anniversary.

For 100 years the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce has dedicated itself to the community. The Chamber is a local organization operated by and for the people of the business community of Clinton Township, Mount Clemens, Harrison Township, Macomb Township and New Baltimore. It is a focal point of leadership and a gathering place for those who make the strategic decisions that shape our business lives.

The Chamber's history as a champion of downtown businesses started in 1903 as the Mount Clemens Business Men's Association. Negotiating favorable rates with the Rapid Railway interurban line, sponsoring Macomb County days, lobbying for Shadyside Park, and the establishment of Selfridge Field as a permanent military facility were among the many accomplishments of the dedicated members.

The Association had become the primary organization of representation for all types of businesses in Mount Clemens. It represented merchants, bathhouses and factories. The name was changed to the Mount Clemens Board of Commerce in 1926 to clarify their purpose and reflect their diversity. Then, in 1959, they changed the organization's name to the Greater Mount Clemens Chamber of Commerce and, finally, to its present name of Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce in 1981.

The name may change but the dedication and service to the community remain steadfast. The Chamber's original bylaws and declaration of principles from 1903, "to encourage the patronizing of home industry; to encourage the bringing of manufacturing enterprises to our city; to promote co-operation among ourselves and to endeavor to advance in every legitimate way the welfare of our city" continue to resonate today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce on their 100th year anniversary.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, two years ago today, we mourned and cried as we watched the horrific events that unfolded before us on September 11, 2001.

The events of that day will live forever collectively in the conscience of this country.

Like Pearl Harbor, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. no one will forget where they were the moment they heard the news on that day.

September 11, 2003, like very few days before in this nation, will live forever in infamy.

We must never forget the thousands of lives that were lost as a result of those cowardly attacks. The passengers, the workers at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center and the many courageous rescue workers who in an effort to try to save lives, lost their own.

Our nation must always remember those who fell victim to terrorism on that day. Our nation must never forget the suffering felt on that day. We must never forget the pain of the families who lost their loved ones, and we must always keep them in our prayers.

But as I stand here on September 11, two years after the attacks, I am aware more now than ever before of the responsibilities we as lawmakers hold to this nation.

As leaders of the greatest nation on this Earth, we have the responsibility to fight to uphold the ideals that make this nation great. We must continue to protect freedom and democracy and never abandon the ideals put forth by our founding fathers.

We must continue to fight this war on terror and invest in our homeland security. We must make sure that attacks, like those experienced two years ago, will never happen again. And if they should happen again, we are able to respond to protect the lives of our citizens.

This country was united two years by an act of violence and terror. A renewed sense of patriotism gripped this nation and I feel that it is still present today.